

PUBLIC NOTICE

South Dakota Medicaid Program

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Social Services intends to submit an 1115 Demonstration extension request to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") to continue to provide Medicaid coverage for youth who aged out of foster care in a different state and now reside in South Dakota. This group is currently covered under this 1115 demonstration.

To be eligible for Medicaid coverage under the demonstration an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Be a citizen of the United States, or have a non-citizen status that qualifies for federally funded Medicaid;
- Be a South Dakota resident;
- Are under the age of 26;
- Are not otherwise mandatorily eligible for coverage under the state plan;
- Were in foster care under the responsibility of another state and were enrolled in Medicaid under another state's state plan or 1115 demonstration when they turned 18 or at the time of aging out of the state's foster care program; and
- Have an income less than 182% of the Federal Poverty Level.

South Dakota has provided Medicaid coverage for youth who aged out of foster care in a different state and now reside in South Dakota since January 1, 2014. As of demonstration year 3, there were 9 individuals covered under the demonstration with total expenditures of approximately \$32,500. The state anticipates there will be an average of 9 individuals covered under this demonstration each year of the demonstration at a projected cost of approximately \$32,500 per year.

Youths eligible for coverage under the demonstration will continue to have the same benefit coverage, cost sharing, and delivery system as those with full coverage under the Medicaid state plan.

The goal and objectives of the demonstration are the following:

1. Maintain access to Medicaid for former foster care youth who were in foster care and Medicaid in another state and are now a South Dakota resident applying for Medicaid in this state.
2. Improve or maintain health outcomes for the demonstration population.

The demonstration evaluation hypotheses include:

- Beneficiaries will be continuously enrolled for 12 months.
- Beneficiaries will access health services.
- Beneficiaries will have positive health outcomes

The evaluation will be conducted using administrative enrollment and claims data.

The demonstration extension requests 1115(a)(2) expenditure authority to cover former foster care youth. The non-federal share of expenditures for this eligibility group will continue to be financed through state general funds.

Two public hearings will be conducted at the following times and locations:

06/29/2022
8:00am Mountain Time/ 9:00am Central Time
Kneip Building
Kneip 1 Conference Room
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291

Commenters may also appear via Zoom using the following link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95274801122?pwd=MURqWkZHWndMOG51Qmo3TDAzMdZoUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 7480 1122
Passcode: 086581

07/06/2022
1:00pm Mountain Time/ 2:00pm Central Time
DSS Hot Springs Office
Conference Room
2411 Hero Ave.
Hot Springs, SD 57747-0729

Commenters may also appear via Zoom using the following link: <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/95233740231?pwd=ZVJUUVUpJbWs1ZVFMNTc0bk9wcTRtZz09>

Meeting ID: 952 3374 0231
Passcode: 568365

A copy of the demonstration and demonstration extension request are available on the Department's website at <https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/1115waiver.aspx>. Comments may be emailed to Ashley.Lauing@state.sd.us. Written requests for a copy of the demonstration, and corresponding comments, may also be sent to:

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The comment period will start June 27, 2022 and end July 27, 2022. All comments should be submitted prior to or by the end date.